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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

NOVEL  $\beta$ -LACTAMS, METHODS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF TAXANES, AND  
SIDECHAIN-BEARING TAXANES

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Novel  $\beta$ -lactams finding utility as  
intermediates in the preparation of sidechain-  
bearing taxanes such as taxol and taxol  
10 derivatives. The present invention also relates to  
novel methods of coupling  $\beta$ -lactams to form such  
sidechain-bearing taxanes, and to novel sidechain-  
bearing taxanes.

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